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[Report No. 119–]

To amend the Atomic Energy Act of 1954 to update the licensing procedures for uranium enrichment facilities to enable the timely, safe deployment of such facilities, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JULY 9, 2026

Mr. FRY (for himself, Ms. SCHRIER, and Mrs. HOUCHIN) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Energy and Commerce

SEPTEMBER --, 2026

Reported with an amendment, committed to the Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union, and ordered to be printed

[Strike out all after the enacting clause and insert the part printed in italic]

[For text of introduced bill, see copy of bill as introduced on July 9, 2026]

A BILL

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Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,

SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.

This Act may be cited as the "American Enrichment Deployment Act".

SEC. 2. LICENSING OF URANIUM ENRICHMENT FACILITIES.

(a) IN GENERAL.—Section 193 of the Atomic Energy Act of 1954 (42 U.S.C. 2243) is amended—

(1) by striking subsections (a) through (c) and inserting the following:

"(a) AT-RISK CONSTRUCTION.—

"(1) IN GENERAL.—Construction of a uranium enrichment facility prior to the issuance of a license under sections 53 and 63 for that facility shall be permitted under the same terms and conditions applicable to other fuel cycle facilities licensed under such sections.

"(2) RULE OF CONSTRUCTION.—Paragraph (1) may not be construed to modify the licensing and regulatory authority of the Commission to issue a license under sections 53 and 63 for a uranium enrichment facility, including the authority to deny an application for such a license for the failure of an applicant to meet regulatory requirements."; and

(2) by redesignating subsections (d) through (f) as subsections (b) through (d), respectively.

(b) REGULATIONS REQUIRED.—Not later than 180 days after the date of enactment of this Act, the Nuclear Regulatory Commission shall issue or revise regulations to carry out this Act and the amendments made by this Act.

(c) RULE OF CONSTRUCTION.—None of the amendments made by this Act shall be construed to affect—

(1) the applicability of the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (42 U.S.C. 4321 et seq.) to the issuance of a license under section 53 or 63 of the Atomic Energy Act of 1954 (42 U.S.C. 2073 or 2093) for a uranium enrichment facility;

(2) the right of any person whose interest may be affected by a proceeding under the Atomic Energy Act of 1954 (42 U.S.C. 2011 et seq.) to a hearing under section 189 of such Act; or

(3) the authority of the Nuclear Regulatory Commission to conduct inspections of uranium enrichment facilities.